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JANUARY/FEBRUARY
2026

REGISTRATION BEGINS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
9:30 AM
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READING IS SNOW MUCH FUN!

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All welcome

January 20-February 28

Winter nights can be dark and cold. What better way to warm up than with a good book? Join our challenge for a chance to win prizes, discover new authors, and help ease those cold winter nights.

Please register by visiting the Library.



Senior Dance Party

Older Adults

Saturday, March 7,

1:00-4:00 PM

Hagerman Fire Department –
510 Oakdale Avenue,

East Patchogue,

Let's party with friends. We are teaming up with the Hagerman Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for a lively event of dancing, karaoke, refreshments, and plenty of fun. Featuring special guest Michael Marziliano singing show tunes, Frank Sinatra and more!

Please register.

27th Annual Winter Tea

Sunday, February 8, 2:00 PM

The glorious return of the Winter Tea is finally here. Local performers will present a delightful selection of poetry, prose, and music, followed by tea and treats. Contributions of sweets or savories are welcome.

Please register.

Essential Item Collection Drive

3rd Saturday of the Month

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church

260 Beaver Dam Road,

Brookhaven

Non-perishable food items, toiletries, and clothes are collected each month for our fellow community members in need. As plans may occasionally be disrupted by weather, check our website or social media for updates. **No registration required.**



Smart Recovery

Run by our social work intern

Tuesdays, January 27 - February 24,

6:00 - 7:00 PM

A self-empowering, abstinence-based support group for anyone recovering from addiction and addictive behaviors (alcoholism, drug abuse/addiction, gambling addiction, etc). This is not a 12-step program. It is completely anonymous. **No registration required.**




Stony Brook
University

Stony Brook University Healthy Library Program (HeLP)

Wednesdays, January 28 - February 25,

9:30 AM -2:00 PM

Our social work student intern from Stony Brook University provides patrons with information, referrals, and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services, and more.

No registration required.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Residents and registered voters in the South Country Central School District interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the Brookhaven Free Library are invited to submit applications to the Library Director's office no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Petitions will be available at the Circulation Desk commencing Monday, February 9, 2026; the petitions should be submitted with a minimum of 25 supporting signatures of qualified voters registered in the District, and a brief biographical statement from the nominee.

Trustee elections coincide with the Library budget vote to be conducted on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Two vacancies on the Board of Trustees will be filled by the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes. Elected trustees will serve a 5-year term commencing with the regular July 2026 meeting date. Absentee Ballot applications will be available at the School District Office.

BORROW A FREE 28-DAY BLOOD PRESSURE KIT



The Public Libraries of Suffolk County and Stony Brook Medicine have collaborated to offer Blood Pressure Loafer Kits to anyone who would like to monitor their blood pressure at home. You can borrow a blood pressure device for up to 28 days. While the device is returned to the library after the loan period, you'll also receive a Patron Information Packet to keep and use for future reference, that contains information about blood pressure, how to monitor your blood pressure at home, heart healthy recipes, and more.

TICKETS & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Discount Tickets – On sale now at the Circulation Desk while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply; prices are subject to change; please inquire for more information.

Bayway Arts Center – Discounted tickets are \$14.00 each (a savings of \$4.00 per ticket)

The Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County – Discounted tickets are available to BFL adult cardholders only (approximately 50%)

Long Island Aquarium – Tickets do not expire

\$28.00 for children & seniors, and \$39.00 for adults

Total Experience Ticket (a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child)

Long Island Science Center – Tickets do not expire \$10.00 each

Local Attractions - Call or reserve online. Please call the institution to confirm operating hours and guidelines before your visit.

9/11 Memorial & Museum
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Empire State Pass



Lil' Tots Indoor Play Place
Long Island Children's Museum - Print on Demand

Long Island Explorium

Long Island Maritime Museum

Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame - Print on Demand

LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum – Print on Demand

Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum – Print on Demand

Parrish Art Museum

South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature



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CLASSES & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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Tuesday Movie Matinee

Adults 18 years and up

Tuesdays, January-February, 2:00 PM
Please note that titles may vary based on availability. **No registration required.**

1/6 – Caught Stealing (2025)

1/13 – Freakier Friday (2025)

1/20 – Spinal Tap II (2025)

1/27 – Eleanor the Great (2025)

2/3 – The Long Walk (2025)

2/10 – The Roses (2025)

2/17 – Good Fortune (2000)

2/24 – The Last Showgirl (2025)



Book Club

Adults 18 and up 10:00–11:00 AM

Tuesday, January 13 – The Life Impossible by Matt Haig
Tuesday, February 10 – The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk.
Please register.

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 and up

Saturdays, January 10, February 28, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM

Cost: \$35

Recognized by all NYS insurance companies, this class can help reduce auto collision and liability insurance rates by 10%. If you have incurred violations in the past 18 months before completing the course, up to four points will be reduced from your driving record. There is no exam, and the fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



Skills with RISE for People with Disabilities

Tuesdays, January 13, 20 & February 3, 10, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Join us as we partner with RISE to explore and strengthen everyday life skills in a supportive, creative, and empowering environment. We will enjoy activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, yoga, and more, designed to promote independence, confidence, and community connection.
Please register.



Friday Afternoon Creatives

Adults 18 years and up

Fridays, January–February, 2:00–4:00 PM

Bring a creative project to work on in the company of other creative people. No formal instruction is provided, but advice is shared.

No registration required.



Valentine's Day Wood Sign

Monday, January 26, 6:00–7:00 PM

Create a festive Valentine's Day sign for your home! Paint a wooden circle and add vinyl lettering, greenery, and a bow for a sweet seasonal touch. **Please register.**

Diamond Painting Coasters

Parent Mental Health Night Out

Monday, February 9, 6:00–7:00 PM

Take a well-deserved break with Youth Enrichment Services. Join other parents to relax, create diamond-painted coasters, and enjoy open conversation in a supportive space.
Please register.

Curso de conducción defensiva del Empire Safety Council

Para adultos de 16 años en Adelante
Sabado, 31 de enero, de 9:30 AM a 3:30 PM

Costo: \$35

Reconocido por todas las compañías de seguros del estado de Nueva York, este curso puede ayudar a reducir las primas del seguro de colisión y responsabilidad civil en un 10%. Si ha cometido infracciones en los últimos 18 meses antes de completar el curso, se le descontarán hasta cuatro puntos de su historial de conducción. No hay examen y el pago se realizará al inicio de la clase. **Inscríbase.**

Silent Book Club

Adults 18 and up

Wednesdays, January 14–January 28, 6:30–7:30 PM

Bring something you've been wanting to read, relax in a cozy room with fellow readers, and enjoy some quiet reading time together. Light refreshments provided.
Please register.



Mindfulness Mondays

Adults, 16 and up

Mondays, 8:00–9:00 PM

Sleep Sound, Sound Bath –

January 12 & February 23

Guided Meditation – February 9

Start your week with intent and tranquility. Join Christine Santanastaso for guided sessions designed to help you relax, recharge, and cultivate a harmonious connection between mind, body, and soul. Wear comfy clothing and bring a mat. **Please register.**

Tai Chi with Mike Evans

Adults 16 and up

Wednesdays, January 21, 28, & February 4, 11, 2:00–3:00 PM

Whether you are looking to calm the mind, strengthen the body, or try something new, Tai Chi offers a peaceful way to enhance your health. **Please register.**



Let's Get Painting with Linda Lee

Wednesday, January 14, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, February 14, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wednesday, February 18, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Art show at 4:00 PM

Meet up with fellow artists and aspiring creators to explore a variety of mixed-media art under the guidance of Linda Lee. **A chosen piece of artwork will be on display in our Art Show.**
Please register.



From Snap to Stunning

Adults 18 and up

Saturday, February 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This iPhone photography workshop will take you well beyond basic snapshots and provide the skills needed to create quality photographs that you will be proud to share and display. **Please register.**

Sock Gnomes

Monday, February 23, 6:00–7:00 PM

Create a cute winter gnome with fuzzy socks.
Please register.



CLASSES & EVENTS FOR KIDS

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EARLY EDUCATION CLASSES FOR BIRTH – PRE-K



Let's Sing with Meghan VK
Birth – Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, January 12, 26 & February 9, 10:00-10:30 AM
Join Meghan VK for joyful sessions of singing, guitar strumming, and playful rhymes! Through music and movement, little ones will build early literacy while having tons of fun. Please register.



Musical Mondays
Birth – Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, February 2 & 23, 10:00-11:00 AM
Join Miss Grace to explore rhythm, sound, and movement with a variety of musical instruments, and she'll introduce you to some favorites on her ukulele. Please register.



Painting with the Masters
Age 2 – Pre-K
Tuesdays, January 13 – February 24, 10:00-11:00 AM
Tiny artists, big inspiration! Come along with Miss Grace for stories and artsy adventures as we follow in the footsteps of famous creators like Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock, and Georges Seurat. Please register.



Parent-Child Workshop
Age 1-Pre-K with a caregiver
Wednesdays, January 14-February 11, 10:00-11:00 AM
Over the course of five weeks, spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. Please register.

Together Time Stories, Rhymes, & Songs
Birth – Pre-K with a caregiver
Wednesdays, February 18 & 25, 10:00-10:30 AM
Miss Rita has her cheese grater and her triangle, and she's ready to share in a lively Storytime with you and your little ones. Please register.



Messy Play Days
Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Thursdays, January 15 – February 26, 10:00-11:00 PM
Miss KariAnn invites little learners to dive into sensory play that encourages motor development, imagination, and creativity. Come prepared to get messy! Please register.

Independent Storytime
Age 3-Pre-K
Fridays, February 6-27, 11:45 AM-12:15 PM
Enjoy the Library while your little ones practice independence and literacy skills through stories and songs. Please register.

CLASSES FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

Yoga with Miss Grace

Pre-K-Grade 4
Wednesdays, January 14-28, 4:30-5:30 PM

Join Miss Grace for a simple and fun yoga class designed just for littles! We'll practice easy breathing exercises, gentle stretches, and playful yoga poses like Tree, Butterfly, and Cat & Cow. We'll finish with a short relaxing story while resting quietly. Please bring a yoga mat or a blanket to lie on. Please register.



Craft Club: Winter Edition

Pre-K-Grade 4
Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, & 26, 4:30-5:30 PM
Miss Jen is stirring up an exciting array of hands-on, mixed media projects to spark the artist in you! Please register.



Books and Badges

Pre-K-Grade 4
Monday, February 2, 6:00-7:00 PM
Enjoy a heartwarming storytime with Officer Mayo from SCPD and his trusted COPE Unit dog. This engaging event offers a wonderful opportunity to connect, hear a great story, and learn about the positive role police and service dogs play in our community. Please register.



Hot Cocoa with a Cop

Pre-K-Grade 4
Thursday, February 19, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
You are off from school today! Why not hang out with us, play some fun board games, and engage in conversation with Officer Mayo from SCPD? Please register.

CLASSES FOR FAMILIES

STEM Adventure Challenges

Families with children of all ages
Tuesdays, January 13 & 27, 6:00-7:00 PM
Miss KariAnn has created exciting STEM challenges for the whole family! Come design, experiment, and invent! Please register.



Zumba and Stretching

All welcome
Saturday, January 24, 1:00-2:00 PM
Start the year off right by exercising as a family. Youth Enrichment Services is here once again to lead this fun, structured physical outlet designed to help reduce anxiety, boost your mood, and build self-esteem. Please register.



South Country Central School District SEPTA Meeting

All welcome
Monday, February 2, 6:00-7:00 PM
SEPTA (Special Education PTA) welcomes all families, caregivers, and educators who are committed to supporting every child's educational journey. Learn what SEPTA is, discover ways to get involved, and connect with others in our community. Registration is not required.



Sweet Hearts and Sweet Cookies

Families with children of all ages
Tuesday, February 3, 6:00-7:00 PM
Celebrate Valentine's Day with sweet family fun! Decorate festive cookies together. Everything you need will be provided. Please register.



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Families with children of all ages
Saturday, February 7, anytime 10:00 AM-4:30 PM
Libraries are an ideal place for children to play, discover, make friends, and have fun. Whether you are a regular, an old friend, or we haven't met yet, seize the opportunity to come visit. Learn more about our classes, free museum passes, discount tickets, collections, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, resources for caregivers, and much more! We'll also have some simple activities on hand that promote pre/early literacy skills, encourage creativity, foster a love of reading, and are just plain fun. Caregivers are a child's first teacher and we are here to help with this important job! No registration required.



CLASSES & EVENTS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

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community Service

Grades 6 and up. Call or email bfevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org for more information.



Gnome Workshop and Community Hangout

Grade 4 and up
Monday, January 12, 4:30-5:30 PM

Make an adorable fuzzy Gnome out of a sock and hang out with a local police officer. A community officer will stop by to chat, answer questions, and get to know our young creators in a relaxed, friendly setting, a great chance to craft, connect, and build positive community relationships.

Please register.



Wood Sweetheart Signs

Grade 4 and up
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00-7:00 PM

Design your own giant sweetheart candy! Paint, add vinyl lettering, and bring your sweet creation to life.

Please register.

Valentines for a Cause

Grades 6 and up
Let's enrich the lives of residents at Bellhaven Nursing Care and Residential Setting. We will be creating Valentine cards with compassion, kindness, and creativity. **Contact us to set up an appointment.**



Crochet Club

Grade 4 and up
Tuesdays, January 20 & February 17, 6:00-7:00 PM
Join our Crochet crew and learn to stitch your way through fun and friendship. Please register.



Empire Safety Council

Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up
Saturday, February 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Cost: \$40

This course is designed for new drivers ages 16 and up who are applying for their first driver's license in New York. The course allows you to complete your DMV pre-licensing requirement. You must complete this course before you sign up for your road test at the DMV. It is a mandatory course for New York State Permit Holders ages 16 and up. You will not be able to schedule or take your road test if you have not completed the 5-hour pre-licensing course and received an MV-278 completion certificate. There is no formal exam, and the fee will be collected at the start of class. Please register.

GAME ON!

Kirby Air Riders

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, January 22, 6:30-7:30 PM
Test drive the exciting new racing game on the Nintendo Switch 2. Please register.



Marvel vs. Capcom Arcade

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, February 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
Fight your way to the top in this classic arcade game of heroes and villains.



Minecraft Meetup

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, February 19, 6:30-7:30PM
Minecraft Meetup is back! Get crafting in the incredible world of Minecraft as we play this iconic game on iPad. Please register.



Youth Enrichment Services

All welcome

Wednesdays, January 21-February 4, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, anytime

If you have questions about your mental health, representatives are here to connect, support and promote awareness.

No registration necessary.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you live in the South Country Central School District, you are eligible for a library card at both Brookhaven Free Library and South Country Library.



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273 BEAVER DAM RD.
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(631) 286-0120 (fax)

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Curbside pick-up available during open hours.
Building hours and services may vary. Please call to confirm or visit us online.

E-mail: bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org
Website: www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

January 1
January 19
February 16



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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 PM

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Please note that during Library events and visits, staff may take photographs for Library publicity. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken of you or your child.